STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ANNA M. GOMEZ

Re: Single Network Future: Supplemental Coverage from Space, GN Docket No. 23-65, IB Docket No. 22-271, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Mar. 14, 2024).

Today, we continue to support the United States's rapidly expanding space economy by adopting rules to enable hybrid satellite-terrestrial networks to connect everyone, everywhere. These hybrid networks work together to provide coverage that neither can achieve alone. They will provide life-saving connections in emergencies—we've already seen this in Hawaii and California. But, these networks will also promote innovation that benefits consumers, unlock economic opportunities for industries like precision agriculture, and connect the most remote, hard to reach areas.

This framework is groundbreaking, and continues to chart the path forward for U.S. leadership in the space economy. I am proud to support this item, and look forward to the innovation that will unfold in a single network future.

Thank you to the Commission staff who worked on this item, including the Space Bureau, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the Office of Engineering and Technology.